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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission Office of the Secretary c/o Natek, Inc., Inc. 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E. Suite 110 Washington, DC 20002

## Re: WC Docket No. 05-65; SBC Communications Inc. and AT&T Corp. Applications for Approval of Transfer of Control.

Dear Ms. Dortch:

In order to reignite the national economy, it is important for our country to have strong American companies that have the scale and the expertise to compete globally. It's also critical to local economies for companies to maintain their commitments to the communities they serve. The SBC acquisition of AT&T holds great potential to achieve both objectives. The merged company will have the ability to bring advanced technology to our communities faster and it will have the scope necessary to capture international business abroad.

With the United States ranking 11<sup>th</sup> in the world in broadband deployment, our country needs financially strong providers that are capable of bringing new technologies to the marketplace to serve the evolving needs of government, business and residential customers nationwide. The combined SBC and AT&T will be a stronger, more resilient U.S.—based global competitor than either company could be alone.

Sincerely,

Cheryl L. Grossman

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